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In re Application of:)	Docket No. DN2000147
Georges Marcel Victor Thielen)	Confirmation No. 6253
For: RUNFLAT TIRE HAVING A)	Art Unit: 1733
RUBBERIZED INSERT CONTAINING)	Examiner: FISCHER, JUSTIN R.
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, Applicant responds as follows.

REMARKS

The claims remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable variously over Oare et al., U.S. 5,871,600 (Oare '600) in view of Vulcuren Trial Product KA 9188 Brochure (Vulcuren), Freeman et al., U.S. 5,494,091 (Freeman '091), and Saneto et al., U.S. 5,158,627 (Saneto '627). Applicant maintains the traverse of these rejections for the reasons stated in the response mailed February 12, 2004.

With reference to the attached Figure A, Applicant further elucidates the previously presented argument that Vulcuren teaches away from the present claims. Figure A illustrates the region of sulfur and 1,6-bis(N,N'-dibenzylthiocarbamoyldithio)-hexane concentration ranges defined by the claims and by Vulcuren. As would be readily apparent to one skilled in the art, the region defined by Vulcuren is clearly distinguishable from the region defined by the